

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and system for retrieving metadata for a media file. A source selection component includes instructions for querying a plurality of metadata sources in a predetermined order to retrieve metadata for the media file. The source selection component also includes instructions for retrieving metadata from metadata sources according business rules as required for specific metadata. A graphical user interface displays metadata from the first source identified as having available metadata, or displays metadata from the source designated by business rules.